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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

Ho for the Man with the Snow Shovel!

Out of the wreckage of taxation panaceas all that we can hope to snatch is perhaps a strengthened tax commission.

Strange, isn't it, that you don't realize how much property you own until you start to shovel the snow off in front of it?

If John L. Sullivan would wait a few months, he might take Theodore Roosevelt along as a sparring partner in his "farewell world tour."

The Solid South is crumbling under the melting influence of the president-elect. That raises the question as to what will become of the Democratic party, with its backbone broken.

The Springfield Republican thinks that within ten years every state in the Union will have a public utilities commission.—Concord Monitor.

Vermont will not, if the present suspicion continues to rest over the legislature.

A railroad engineer "read his watch wrong," and more than a score of lives were sacrificed as the result, down on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. On the surface, it looks like a flimsy excuse, but in railroading it is a veritable mountain of cause.

The press representatives at the State House, who held a banquet recently, modestly deny that they nominated a governor of Vermont at that time. Such a measure of self-restraint has not been noticed in other banquets held recently in Montpelier.

## SPITE CRITICISMS AND SINCERE CRITICISMS.

Those occasions when President Roosevelt's critics relax are so rare that one is surprised by reading anything like the following from the Springfield Republican:

"President Roosevelt is at his best in the veto of the James river dam bill. Here is another substantial and effective expression of his purpose to fight the policy of granting away valuable water-power privileges without conditions which will keep their exercise under some measure of public control and profit. Mr. Roosevelt's faults of commission are many and grievous, but along such lines of activity as this, his administration has been productive of great benefit to the country."

But it is to be noted that the criticisms by The Republican always lack the element of personal spite which makes the criticisms of the New York Sun, for instance, practically valueless when it comes to the point of carrying influence. The Republican really seems to say what it believes about the acts of Roosevelt without being biased by



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its estimate of his personality. There is that difference between the two critics.

## VERMONT'S INTEREST IN TAFT.

Aside from the fact that Vermont's four electoral votes will be delivered next week for William H. Taft of Ohio for president of the United States, Vermonters have a peculiar interest in the incoming president because their state nurtured three generations of the Taft family just preceding the president-elect. Therefore, Vermont feels a proprietary interest in the next executive. This somewhat close connection with the Taft family is interestingly portrayed in the current number of Harper's Weekly by Charles S. Forbes of St. Albans in an article on "Vermont, the Tafts' Home-Place." From Mr. Forbes's article, we gain a more intimate knowledge of a fact which, while already known, had not appeared so vividly before.

The president-elect's great grandfather, Aaron Taft, came to Vermont just one hundred and ten years ago this winter and settled in that part of Windham county known as Townshend, there setting up the Taft Lanes and Penates in a little log-cabin—that is, little for a family of nine robust children. From that day the Tafts became one of the leading families of the section, the prestige of the household being maintained, on the death of Aaron, by the eldest son, Peter Rawson Taft. Peter Rawson was a leading citizen if one might judge from the official capacities to which he was called, county surveyor, teacher, active in the founding of what is now Leland & Gray seminary, road commissioner, probate judge, county judge, town representative and justice of the peace. His only son was Alphonso, the father of the president-elect. Vermont can claim Alphonso Taft for only the early period of his life, for, being ambitious for an education, he went to Yale university and following his graduation from that institution he studied law.

The field for the practice of his profession being too limited in Vermont, he went West while still a young man and settled in Cincinnati. There the president-elect was born.

So we see that while Vermont cannot claim William Howard Taft as her son, she can assume a close relationship because of the fact that his father was born in Vermont, his grandfather lived all but the first ten or a dozen years of his life here, and his great grandfather spent his mature years in, and died in, Townshend. The Taft homestead, so Mr. Forbes tells us in his article, is now marked by a cellar hole and crumbling walls overrun with bushes, the site being on the highest point of land in the town. Reasons of sentiment ought to bring President-elect Taft back to Vermont; and Vermonters may confidently look forward to visits from the chief executive of the nation as soon as the hurry of inauguration is over and he shall have completely grasped the reins of government.

## CURRENT COMMENT

A Weak Comparison.

It is often difficult for the layman fairly average intelligence to understand the reasoning of a jury. In Addison county court last week a man was tried on the charge of attempted criminal assault upon a school teacher. The jury brought in a verdict of simple assault, the mildest possible finding in the case. The party assaulted was a young woman of the highest character, who attempted to go a short distance to her home about midnight without an escort. To the average mind it would seem that if the state was unable to show that the prisoner was the party making the assault he should have been acquitted if it appeared that he was the guilty man he should have been punished to the full extent provided for such a heinous offense. Such a weak compromise is dangerous in any commonwealth.—Northfield News.

A Sportsman's Plea.

Thomas H. Browne and Dr. Charles A. Gale gave the most practical talks at the County Fish and Game League banquet Thursday night. Mr. Browne appealed to sportsmen to be gentlemen hunters and respectful of the property rights of farmers on whose lands they hunt and fished. He asked them to be particularly careful with fires in the woods. Doctor Gale pleaded for a spirit of true sportsmanship—the sportsmanship that won't permit a man to shoot a bird or a deer when the same is not in flight, or to catch a fish by any means other than the proper lure. He scathingly arraigned the pot hunter and the man who nets fish and he scorned the man who would kill a doe. This is practical advice that develops the true spirit of true sportsmanship. It is the talk that counts—for it develops the right public sentiment.—Rutland News.

A Loafer's A Loafer For A That.

Some of the residents have the temerity to inquire why a village scamp who made cat-calls while a lady was singing in the town hall should get a call down when a college scamp escapes scot-free after throwing a rubber overboard and striking a young lady in the face in the same building a few evenings later. A loafer is a loafer, whether he goes to college or lives on his father or goes both and the college is not to blame for such. But without seeking to bring out class prejudice in any way, it seems only reasonable to demand that such actions as referred to should meet with prompt punishment, regardless of who the offender is.—Middlebury Register.

The Public Utilities Measure.

The improved prospect for the passage by the Legislature of a measure providing for the regulation of public service corporations is gratifying to all champions of the people. Governor Hughes of New York gained no small part of his prestige through the cham-

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ship of a measure of this character and it is safe to say that the people of Vermont will be as appreciative of service of this kind at the hands of our legislators as are the people of the Empire State. If the lawmakers pass this measure providing for regulation of express, telephone, telegraph, gas and electric light companies similar to that now exercised in connection with railroads, they will have to their record one of the most important and most helpful measures ever passed by a Vermont Legislature.—Burlington Free Press.

Taking Care of The Veterans.

The House of Representatives has had no end of trouble over the bill to exempt Civil War veterans from taxation. No less than three times have roll-call votes been taken on the measure which was finally passed yesterday by a narrow margin, after it had been amended to apply to the tax lists of \$2,000 or under. The bill is clearly class legislation and should not become law. The federal government is taking splendid care of the veterans, and it is no disloyalty to them to suggest that they need no further aid from states.—Rutland News.

## JINGLES AND JESTS

Seismology at The Crossroads.

Old Uncle Simon's hung for years. Round Dawkins' grocery. And he ain't had much chance to talk. 'Cause Deacon Weatherby has allus seemed to know the most about the world's news gist—But Simon's gotten even now—He's a seismologist.

He knows just what it is that makes The earth's pulse beat too fast; He savvies when the tremblers come And how long each will last; And Deacon Weatherby jest sets And chews his beard 'till fat, 'Cause everybody wants to hear Our town seismologist.

I wish, when I was leavin' things, I hadn't fooled around A-studyin' them fool three R's—It's time lost, I'll be bound; I'd rather learned what Simon did—It heads the study list— I wouldn't be ignored if I Was a seismologist!—Denver Republican

A Mete Pup.

Passerby—Here, boy, your dog has bit ten me on the ankle. Dog Owner—Well, that's as high as he could reach. You wouldn't expect a little pup like him to bite yer neck, would yer?—London Tit-Bits.

Growing Suspicious.

"You should remember that a public official is but a servant of his country." "Yes," answered young Mrs. Perkins, "but aren't a few of them a little like the servant we used to have who went home every night with a market basket on her arm?"—Washington Star.

Under Difficulties.

It's a fine old world! I'm sure it's hard to beat, It has lots of pleasant people That a fellow likes to meet— Men with dispositions sweet, Pleasant, jolly sort of folk; But one can't appreciate them When he's broke.

It's a grand old world! Full of color and of light, Full of warm and welcome sunshine That is pleasant to the sight, And it's probable I might Think that sorrow was a joke, But I can't do that exactly When I'm broke.

It's a good old world! With it's things to eat and drink! You can smell good vittals cooking; You can hear the glasses clink; But there's nothing I can soak, So I can't help feeling empty When I'm broke.

The Near-Grat.

You can't be great because you claim To know and be the friend of one To whom the world has granted fame For great things he has nobly done; You have no right to proudly stand Before the crowd and bow and smirk Because some great man shakes your hand Don't be near-famous—go to work.

Some man whose deeds have made him great Or whom the Fates have through some Been kind enough to elevate. May call you George or Jack or Jim, But you that claim him for a friend And you that round him proudly stand Will be but, near-great in the end, If you have not been hard at work!—Chicago Record-Herald

## SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

We have odd lots from every department that must be sold while taking stock.

Belts, Ribbons, Laces, Neckwear, Gloves, Dress Goods, Percales, Towels, Table Linens, Napkins, etc.

## THIS WEEK ONLY

we will give you 25 per cent off on Ladies' Coats, Dress Skirts, Children's Coats, Infants' Coats and Bonnets.

Furs at a big mark-down, some less than half price. Don't miss the Fur Sale this week.

REMNANT TABLE—All ends of goods from our Clearance Sale to close at prices to move them quick.

## The Vaughan Store

## WEDDING PRESENTS.

Charming New Gifts In Silver For the Fall Bride.

## FLAT SILVER ACCEPTABLE.

An Interesting Assortment of Individual Casters For Tumblers and Bottles—A Bride's Capacity For Berry Spoons and Salad Forks.

When selecting a gift for the future mistress of a home it is well to remember that unless she is unusually wealthy she must depend upon her wedding gifts for the beautiful little pieces of silver and glass that add so much to the attractiveness of her new

are small holders with narrow rims or pierced silver which are just large enough for a tumbler to slip into, and the larger casters, which are perfectly flat and are used to protect the table linen from the moisture on the outside of a ginger ale bottle or pitcher of ice water. These flat casters come in all sizes, from those which are barely large enough to accommodate a bottle to the large twelve or fifteen inch affairs, which may be used as centerpieces under bowls of flowers. They are exceedingly attractive, as they are made of disks of clear glass covered with pierced silver in beautiful floral designs. That they combine utility with attractiveness is known by every housekeeper who has experienced the vexation of having an ugly ring left on a clean luncheon cloth from a pitcher of lemonade or iced tea.

Another pretty little silver gift which would be appreciated by any bride who likes beautiful things for her table is a toast rack of silver. The

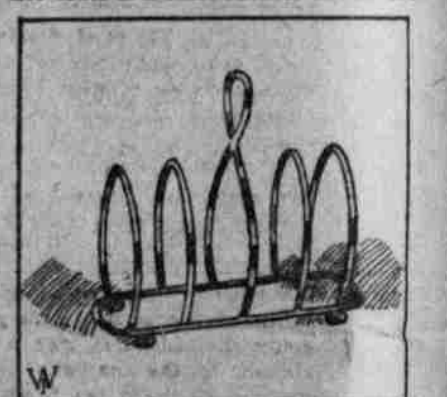


HOLDER FOR POWDERED SUGAR.

home. Very few brides would feel that it was possible to include these little luxuries in the list of furnishings to be purchased. The proverbial Griddle and a ladle, A skillet and a cradle, which are incident to "marrying Mary Ann" make sufficient inroads upon the modest board of the average bride and groom to leave little for luxuries.

For this reason flat silver—that is, spoons, knives and forks—are always acceptable gifts. The fact that they have been popular wedding presents for many years is no argument against them. A bride would have to have a good many dozen teaspoons before there would be any danger of their being too many.

The shops are showing an interesting assortment of casters of silver and glass. These are of two kinds, the individual casters for tumblers, which



A SILVER TOAST RACK.

one shown here is a rather small one, which would be admirable for use on a breakfast tray.

A little more costly than some of the silver novelties, but exquisite in design, is a holder for powdered sugar made of silver and glass.

Of course there is the usual array of berry spoons and salad forks, but it must be remembered that a bride's capacity for berry spoons is somewhat limited and that with these, as with many other good things, "enough is as good as a feast."

New Use For an Old Abuse. Miss Judge (as the cat was carefully washing itself)—Isn't it too bad that Polly Gass wasn't born a cat? Mrs. Everything—Why? Miss Judge—Then she could use her tongue on herself.—Bohemian Magazine.

His Meal Ticket. "Is that man you just bowed to your publisher?" asked the friend. "Oh, no," replied the struggling poet; "that's my pawnbroker!"—Detroit Tribune.

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## Statement, January 1, 1909

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans,	\$865,858.74	Capital Stock,	\$75,000.00
Real Estate & Banking House	38,734.18	Surplus and Profits,	31,212.11
Bonds and Securities,	217,220.00	Dividend Jan. 1, 1909, 3 Per Cent.	2,250.00
Cash on hand and in Banks,	172,459.57	Extra Div. Jan. 1, 1909, 1 Per Cent.	750.00
		Deposits,	1,185,060.38
	\$1,294,272.49		\$1,294,272.49

## SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.

Money deposited in our Savings Department on or before January 13, 1909, will draw interest from January 1. Money deposited on or before the fifth business day of February, March, April, May or June will draw interest from the first day of that month at the rate of 4 Per Cent. Money deposited after the fifth business day of any month will draw interest from the first day of the following month. Interest is compounded semi-annually in January and July.

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Additional Liability, - - - - -	- - - - -	75,000.00
Surplus and Profits, exceeding - - - - -	- - - - -	31,000.00
		\$181,000.00
Resources, - - - - -	- - - - -	\$1,300,000.00

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STATEMENT,		JANUARY 1, 1909.	
ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Loans, -	\$356,843.52	Capital Stock, -	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds, 2 <sup>per</sup> <sub>cent</sub> at par, -	190,000.00	Surplus and Profits, -	29,052.39
Redemption Fund, -	5,000.00	Dividend No 71, -	4,000.00
Other Bonds, -	230,402.27	Dividends Unpaid, -	90.00
Due from Banks, -	60,505.56	Circulation, -	98,596.50
Cash, -	73,016.49	Deposits, -	639,028.95
		U. S. Government Deposit, -	45,000.00
	<u>\$ 915,767.84</u>		<u>\$915,767.84</u>

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